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POLITICAL.

The Nyáya Sudhá (Harda), of the 3rd April, observes that, for some years past, many charges have Kashmír letters. been brought against the Kashmír darbar by its enemies, but that the charges have always been found false on inquiry. The Mahárája has lately been accused by Colonel Nisbett, the present Resident, of treason and an attempt to poison the late Resident. The accusations appear to be groundless, otherwise His Highness would have been at once deposed from the throne, or a Commission would have been appointed to inquire into his alleged misbehaviour, as was done in the case of the late Gaekwar of Baroda. The Mahárája may not be an able ruler, but he is a simple-minded and innocent man, and the application made by him to the Government of India, as to the establishment of a Council for conducting the administration, is not unreasonable. The only objectionable thing in the arrangement is that the Council will be entirely under the control of the Resident. The State will not have even a shadow of liberty in that case. The Resident being the absolute master, Englishmen will be able to do what they please in Kashmir.

The Najmu-l-Hind (Moradabad), of the 31st March, observes that a Council of Regency will Appointment of a Counestablished in Kashmír for five cil of Regency in Kashmir. The Resident will be the Pre years.

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peans. Could no properly-qualified native be found for the post of President? It will be remembered that the deputation of Colonel Ward and Colonel Marshall to native States was a failure. Sir T. Madhava Rao, or some other competent native like him, had better be made President of the Kashmír Council.

Ci rculation, 418 copies, The Nydya Sudha (Harda), of the 3rd April, expresses deep regret at Mr. John Bright's death; refers to his great sympathy with the people in England and natives; and observes that the gap caused among the friends of this country in England by his death will not be filled easily.

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The Kanavij Punch, of the 1st April, contains a cartoon in which an eagle, marked England, is represented as trying to disentangle its claws from the wool of a sheep, marked Burma. The letter-press below the picture is to the effect that the eagle pounced down upon the sheep with the intention of carrying it off, or, at least a portion of its flesh, but that the claws of the bird have got so entangled in the wool of the sheep that it is unable to release itself.

NATIVE STATES.

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The Tahzib (Moradabad), of the 5th April, is glad to say that Nawab Hamid Ali Khan is a Rampur affairs. very promising prince. There is every reason to hope that he will again restore Rampur to its former prosperity. Heaven protect him from his enemies. It is believed that efforts are being made to create in him a love for shooting. Sport is no doubt a good exercise, but boys should not frequently engage in it, particularly in tiger-shooting. The Nawab should at present chiefly devote his attention to his studies. He will have ample time for sport when he comes of age. He may, however, occasionally go out shooting if he pleases. But he should take his seat on a tall elephant, and should be accompanied by some good, trustworthy shooters, so that he may not fall a prey to a tiger, as is the desire of his secret enemies. A rumour is affoat to the him English. Is Mr. Phillip, the present tutor, unable to look after his education properly? The investment of the accumulated treasures of the State into Government Promissory. Notes has added to the revenues, and consequently the State is being saddled with unnecessary additional expenditure. A local contemporary has made a very pertinent suggestion as to the need for providing religious instruction for His Highness. Sahabzadah Safdar Ali Khan deserves to be congratulated on his appointment to the presidency of the Council of Regency. It is not known whether the orders regarding the suspension of the payment of the pensions of His Highness' relatives who have left Rampur have been withdrawn. It would be well if the account of the expenditure incurred since the death of Nawáb Kalab Ali Khan were carefully examined and checked.

The Jám-i-Jamshed (Moradabad), of the 31st March, complains that since the accession of the late
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of Rampur, all power in the State has rested with the prime minister but that his management of affairs has been very unsatisfactory. The treasury, the jewels and other things belonging to the State have been reduced to an unsatisfactory condition; the relatives of the prince have been oppressed and exposed to great hardships; old servants have been dismissed; frequent murders, robberies and thefts have occurred in the State; and disquietude has prevailed among the peo-Since the Local Government has established the Council, it has in a way assumed the management of the State into its hands. But it has never checked the State jewels and other valuable chattels. The Jam thinks that many precious things have been altered or misappropriated; and urges that the Local Government should depute a trustworthy officer to examine the Nawab's household chattels, with the assistance of some man who has a thorough knowledge of them and is not a friend of the prime minister. All the things should be carefully compared with the register prepared by the late Nawab Kalab Ali Khan himself, and when any things are found missing or altered, an explanation should be demanded. Moreover, the officer should sign and seal everything to prevent

Circulation, 150 copies. its being tampered with in future. If no such precautions are taken, the Local Government will find it difficult to render a satisfactory account of its stewardship when the young Nawab comes of age and examines his household chattels.

A correspondent of the same paper says that the Nawab's baggage is being sent to Naini Tal, and that probably His Highness himself will shortly go there. Though the Members of the Council are seemingly on friendly terms with one another, great ill-feeling exists among them. Nawab Ikram-ul-lah Khan Yarjang was treated by the prime minister with great attention and respect on his arrival at Rampur, but he has lately incurred the displeasure of the latter. The prime minister endeavoured to induce the late Nawab Mushtaq Ali Khan to appoint his second son, who is son-in-law to the prime minister, heir to the throne; whereas Nawab Ikram-ul-lah Khan urged the claims of the eldest son, the present chief. The relations between the prime minister and the Revenue Member have long been far from satisfactory. Disputes frequently arise among the members even in the performance of their official duties. Below the Council of Regency there is another Council, which is composed of members who are not men of high position, and are animated by mutual jealousy and illwill. There are some members whose income does not exceed Rs. 30 a month. The fact is that the prime minister is allpowerful in the State, and only those men who gain his goodwill by flattery prosper. The writer then complains of the alleged ill-treatment of the relatives of the Nawab by the prime minister, the suspension of their pensions, and their compulsory exclusion from the State during the prince's minority.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.

Circulation, 240 copies. The Hindustán (Kálákankar), of the 31st March and 2nd Lord Dufferin's despatch and 3rd April, gives the substance of regarding the enlargement Lord Dufferin's despatch to the Secretary of State regarding the enlargement tary of State regarding the enlargement of the Indian Legislative Councils, and observes that his lordship's scheme confirms the belief which prevails among

them any harm. On the eve of his departure from this country, Lord Dufferin made a violent attack on the National Congress, but in the document above referred to, he himself recommended the grant of several important privileges to natives in accordance with the wishes of that assembly, and observed that new rights should be conceded as education made progress. He blew hot and cold in the same breath. The fact is that he is not a man of firm mind and tries to please everybody. Some rights are sure to be granted before long, and the Congress deserves to be congratulated on the success of its efforts. Although it has been only four years in existence, it has acquired a widespread reputation both in this country and in England, and has been rapidly enlisting the sympathies of men of light and leading.

The Azad (Lucknow), of the 5th April, says that if Gov-

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ernment desires to appoint a Commission to inquire into the prevalence of bribery and corruption, the investigation should not be confined to the Magistrates of the Bombay Presidency.

The evil exists in a greater or less degree in every part of the country. But the question is, how to suppress it? The Azád thinks that a public inquiry will be of no use. Those men who have given bribes to officials, will never confess their having done so for fear of being criminally prosecuted for the offence. The higher authorities can quietly do a great deal in the way of checking the evil if they like. They should refuse to see corrupt officials and should not give them promotion. The authorities can have no great difficulty in finding out such officials.

The Mihr-i-Nimroz (Bijnor), of the 28th March, with reference to the attacks made by the St. James' Gazette and the Calcutta correspondent of the London Times on the native Magistrates of Bombay, observes that corrupt Magistrates are to be found in all parts of the country, and both among natives and Europeans. The Mihr refers to the case of Mr. Craw-

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ford, and of Lord Maxifeld in England, who, it is alleged, has lately been dismissed from his post on account of having received bribes amounting to forty thousand pounds sterling; and states that the bribes received by a European officer in a short time exceed in value the bribes received by a native in his whole lifetime. Government should distinguish between honest and corrupt officials, rewarding the former and punishing the latter.

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The Nasim-i-Agra, of the 30th March, referring to the Execution of Civil Court provisions of sections 320 to 326 of decrees by Collectors. the Civil Procedure Code, observes that the provisions are intended to save landlords from ruin, but that the Collectors, as a rule, do not properly carry them out. The worst of it is that the orders of the Collector, under the sections above referred to, are in a way final. If the Collector, being misinformed by the Tahsildar and the Kanungo, orders the land of a landlord to be sold in execution of a Civil. Court decree, even though he could provide for the payment of the decree in one of the methods specified in those sections without the sale of the entire property, the landlord cannot appeal against his orders. An appeal is allowed only in case there was an illegality in the publication of the notice of sale or in the sale itself, or in case the property was sold for an inadequate price. The Nasim urges that the judgmentdebtor should be empowered to appeal against the orders issued by the Collector regarding the sale of his property, under the provisions of the sections quoted above, before the property stached is sold.

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The Rajputana Gazette (Ajmir), of the 1st April, complains that Maulyi Muhammad Nizamuplains that Maulyi Muhammad Nizamulain Hasan Ahmad, Judicial Assistant
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Commissioner, Ajmir, generally orders
judgment debtors to pay at once the whole amount of decrees
to decree holders, and observes that his policy is opposed to that

of his predecessor, and is calculated to bring about the ruin of landlords and cultivators and force them to migrate to native States.

The Oudh Akhbár (Lucknow), of the 3rd April, publishes an Urdu translation of the letter adschool, Lucknow.

Lady Lyall Medical dressed by Colonel Erskine, the Commissioner of Lucknow, and President of the Lady Lyall School Committee, to the Deputy Commissioners in Oudh, appealing to them for raising subscriptions on behalf of the school, and hopes that all sympathetic and chari-

table persons will come forward to support the institution which

is intended to provide female medical aid for native women.

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The Mufid-i-Agra, of the 1st April, praises the benevolent Lady Dufferin's Fund objects of Lady Dufferin's Fund; exthe inhabitants of Agra. presses regret at the circumstance that no donations or subscriptions were contributed to the fund by the inhabitants of Agra during the year 1887-88; and calls upon the nobility and gentry of the district to make a warm response to the appeal made by the Collector.

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The Hindustán (Kálákankar), of the 5th April, expresses great satisfaction at the permission physicians by Municipal given by the Panjáb Government to Boards in the Panjáb.

the Municipal Boards in that province to engage the services of native physicians for treating the people, and calls upon Sir Auckland Colvin to follow suit.

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The Subodh Sindhu (Khandwa), of the 3rd April, finds supply of Government fault with the Local Administration for work to private printing not patronizing the private printing presses in the Central Property presses in the Central Provinces; complains that even the District Boards have been ordered to get their printing work done at the jail presses; and urges that the Local Administration should order the supply of a portion of Government work to private presses.

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The Azdd (Lucknow), of the 5th April, states that the Civil medical charge of Civil Surgeon of Bahraich has taken Behraich. leave, and the Assistant Surgeon of Bahraich has been placed in civil medical charge, and Doctor Cameron in visiting medical charge of the district, in addition to

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POST-OFFICE AND RAILWAY.

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The Upkarak (Agra), of the 30th March, complains that Inspector of Post-offices in Agra does not adhere to the post-office rules. According to rule, all security bonds should be countersigned by the Superintendent or the Inspector, but in Agra the task has been delegated to deputy post-masters and overseers. The writer takes exception to some other arrangements made by the Inspector.

Circulation, 620 copies.

The Nasim-i-Agra, of the 30th March, on the authority of a correspondent, complains that thefts Thefts on the Indian Midland Railway. frequently occur on the Indian Midland Railway: A man sent a bundle of cloth from Jhánsi to Bhilsa. When he opened the bundle at Bhilsa, he found that four pieces of cloth had been abstracted in transit. Similarly, goods valued at Rs. 150 were removed from a parcel sent from Lalitpur, and stones put in their place. thinks that thefts are committed by the railway police and employes. The guards and drivers employed on the line appear to be a very dishonest class of men, who were formerly employed on other lines and were dismissed on account of misbehaviour. The railway authorities should keep an eye on them.

LOCAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

Circulation, 300 copies. The Bharat Varsha (Bithur), of the 1st April, complains that the unmetalled road between Binard Chaubepur, Cawnpore thur and Chaubepur is in a most negdistrict.

lected condition, and asks the Magistrate to repair it.

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Moradabad, apparently with a view to annoy the Hindus.
The Musalmans living in that part of the city can easily get
mest from the stalls in Karwan Sarae. It is true that another
meat shop has long been in existence in Pirghaib, but it is

situated in a corner and therefore it gives no offence to Hindus.

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The Nasim-i-Agra, of the 30th March, with reference to Circulation, Hindu temple situated the complaint published in a late issue inside the fort at Jhansi. regarding the non-admission of Hindus to the temple of Mahadeo situated inside the Jhansi fort on the day of the Shivaratri festival, states on the authority of its Jhansi correspondent, that the priest of the temple applied to the Deputy Commissioner for permission to admit Hindus to the temple on that day. The Deputy Commissioner forwarded the application to the military authorities, who rejected it. Only the priest and the Hindu soldiers in Her Majesty's service were allowed access to the temple. It is believed that the military authorities said that Hindus might take the idol out of the fort if they desired to worship it. But are the military officials unaware that idols cannot be removed from their sites? They have long been bringing pressure to bear upon the priest to remove the idol and to take compensation for the temple, but he has refused to acquiesce in the proposal.

The Hindustán (Kálákankar), of the 6th April, on the authority of a correspondent, gives Bhárat Dharm Mahamandal and Arya Samaj a brief account of the proceedings of meetings at Brindaban in the Muttra district. the second Bhárat Dharm Mahaman-

Circulation, 240 copies.

dal, which assembled at Brindaban in the last week of March. and also of the Arya Samaj, which held simultaneous meetings there. Two hundred and sixty-one delegates attended the Mahamandal, which held its sittings in the temple of Shri Gobindji. Seth Lakshman Das; the President of the Managing Committee, welcomed the delegates and requested them to proceed with their business after electing a competent President. Shri Sudarshanáchárya, who is a very learned man and lives in the Seth's temple, was elected President. Pandit Achhru Mal, the Accountant-General of Kapurthala, delivered a short address on behalf of Diwan Ramjas, C.S.I., the late prime minister of Kapurthala and chief supporter of the Mahamandal, giving an account of the origin of the Mahamandal and showing the need for the protection of the orthodox

Hindu religion. Diwan Ramjas and his son, Diwan Mathura Das, the present prime minister of Kapurthala, attended all the meetings of the Mahamandal. Speeches were made in Hindi and Sanskrit in support of the Hindu religion, idolatry, pilgrimages to sacred places, and so forth. Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya, B.A., took part in the proceedings, and delivered an address in which he regretted the indifference of Hindus to religion, and urged upon all sects of Hindus the importance of an adherence to the fundamental principles of their religion. On the last day of the meeting it was expected that a debate would be held between the leading members of the Mahamandal and the Arya Samaj, regarding idolatry, pilgrimages to sacred places, and other such questions. Correspondence took place between the two bodies on the subject, but, after all, no debate came off. On the last day, among other things, the Mahamandal offered prayers for the health and happiness of Her Majesty, Lord Lansdowne, Sir Auckland Colvin and Sir James Lyall. The leading members of the Arya Samaj from different places in Upper India held their meetings on the same days as the Mahamandal in a tent behind the school. Among other subjects, speeches were delivered in Hindi and Sanskrit in condemnation of idolatry and pilgrimages to sacred places. Brahman girl, name Satyada Kumari, daughter of Pandit Bhishma of Bharaul in the Mainpuri district, whose age does not exceed 11 years, delivered a Sanskrit speech in favour of female education and a Hindi speech against child-marriage.

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The Upkarak (Agra), of the 30th March, states that a movement has been set on foot at Agra Discontinuance of the to put a stop to the use of sugar imported from Bombay and other such places, on the ground that bones are used in refining it. People are signing a bond which binds them not to sell, buy or use the sugar above referred to.

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